

GROWTH AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMISSION

Elected members on Commission: Mark Weston, Tom Brook, Mark Wright, Nicola Bowden-Jones, Mark Bradshaw, Martin Fodor, Kevin Quartley

Terms of reference	See appendix 1
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REPORT OF FIRST COMMISSION MEETING

Chair's preparatory meetings with scrutiny officer	21/6; 24/7; 14/9; 1/10
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Chair's preparatory meetings/conversations with Cabinet members and officers	Craig Chaney – Nicola Beech – Mhairi Threlfall Nuala Gallagher
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Leads meeting:	Mark Weston, Mark Wright, Tom Brook, Jo Holmes, Paula O'Rourke, Peter Mann,
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Growth and Regeneration Meeting 26th July 2018

Councillors in attendance:	Tom Brook, Mark Wright, Paula O'Rourke, Nicola Bowden-Jones, Mark Bradshaw, Charlie Bolton, Tony ?, Chris Jackson, Kevin Quartley.
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Cabinet members in attendance:	Cllr. Dudd, Cllr. Threlfall
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Officers attending:	Alex Minshull, Adam Crowther, Peter Mann, Jacob Prior, March Leach, Laura Pye
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Main scrutiny items discussed

Outcomes/Evaluation

Strategic Transport Plan: the document was discussed with some suggestions for minor alterations to the text. Concern about the funding for the strategy and members questioned if it was actually visionary enough. Much discussion about mass transport, with a request for business cases to be presented when ready. Last-mile logistics, use of buses and the consideration of a hierarchy of transport was discussed. Most of the dialogue concerned the consultation process.

See appendix 2 - action

Transport Q and A – Cllr Threlfall gave an oral account of progress in Highways and Transport. Discussion led to sharing of concerns about reasons for blockages in minor transport projects.

Few questions asked. Suggest that written reports should be given in advance.

Peter Mann to give written response.

Air Quality Consultation – officer presented progress to date and described the actions planned to ensure that the community is engaged. Some discussion about the 5 options when the reality is that we are mandated to become compliant as soon as possible.

See appendix 2

Report on Clean Air mitigation fund – presentation made without prior sight of slides. Interesting options as to how BCC could bid for about £5m to lessen the effect of Options on how funds for mitigation of the Clean Air Act could be used.

No questions, so Chair asked for slides to be sent to members with request for reply – none received, so reminder sent – still no response from members

Trusts and Mutualisations: the purpose of this report was to find out what learning could be gained from Laura Pye’s experience with museums. The report highlighted the differences between museums, where attendees expect to spend money on entrance fees and in the gift shop, with libraries where people expect to receive a free service.

The report did not highlight a huge range of comparators and did not seem to enthuse the members with thoughts of cross-pollination with museums and libraries.

Overall evaluation and learnings from first meeting

The papers took a long time to read and, going forward, it would be better if members delegated to/chose to concentrate on particular item. Without excluding any member from questioning any item, it would be expected that one or two councillors would take the lead in questioning each paper. I have sought members’ views on this and the response was favourable, so that is how the next Commission meeting will be organised.

Housing Company Enquiry Morning – 13/7

REPORT OF SECOND COMMISSION MEETING

Preparatory meetings with scrutiny officer	14/9, 1/10
Preparatory meetings/conversations with Cabinet members and officers	Gemms Dando 1/10; Peter Mann and Ed Plowden 3/10
Leads meeting:	Only Chair and vice-chair attended.

Growth and Regeneration meeting 29th November 2018

Councillors in attendance:	Paula O’Rourke, Tom Brook, Mark Bradshaw, Kevin Quarterly, Chris Jackson, Mark Wright, Mark Weston, Martin Fodor, Hibaq Jama
Officers attending:	Nuala Gallagher, Ed Plowden, Peter Mann, Mark Sperduty, Penny Fell, Gemma Dando, Adrian Randall, David White, Kate Cole, Johanna Holmes

Main scrutiny items discussed

Outcomes

Local highways delivery schemes
 This was an opportunity for members to hear how the team have made changes which, it is hoped, will allow projects to be expedited more quickly. It was also an opportunity to explain the unique problems associated with traffic orders and, thus, alleviate some of the frustration felt by members. There was a robust question and answer session with detailed slides giving an update on progress. Ed Plowden explained the changes that had been made and some of these were questioned.
 It was revealed that having to do the RPZ reviews has led to hold ups but that is now finished, releasing staff to work on other projects. The changes made to the Area Committees has also been a challenge. Questions were asked about CIL monies and that is being followed up.
 Understaffing is also a problem, although recruitment is on-going. A new website it expected to make it clearer for members and the public to know how projects are progressing, which was welcomed.

Follow –up on recruitment and website in the new year.

 Action: get answer on CIL money use for drawing up plans for minor projects.

<p>Bristol Harbour Review</p> <p>Report presented by Gemma Dando but it is being handed over to Penny Fell.</p> <p>Discussion on making the Harbour ‘cost neutral’ and whether that is actually a mandate from Central Govt. or whether it is an aspiration. However, all agreed that licence fees needed to be looked at and increased.</p> <p>Lots of discussion about the style and function of the Harbour. Awareness of its uniqueness and the desire to develop and enhance the area without losing its charm.</p> <p>Prospect of ‘Trust Pilot’ status being sought was discussed but with reservations as this might lead to loss of control by BCC.</p> <p>Harbour Consultation is being prepared and there was a discussion on how to engage harbour users.</p>	<p>Chair to set up meeting with Penny Fell</p> <p>Draft of consultation to be sent to members for comment.</p> <p>Further report to come back to Scrutiny before going to Cabinet in the summer.</p>
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<p>City Leap (exempt report)</p> <p>There is a lot of excitement about the national and international interest shown in City Leap and members had attended public briefings prior to the commission meeting.</p> <p>This agenda item was listed as ‘option appraisal’ however, there were no concrete options, instead, we were presented with a ‘mission statement’ of how to engage with outside bodies. This was discussed but, as the wording is very precise it was suggested that members could have more time to scrutinise and copies have been sent to members.</p> <p>More concrete details will be given when planned workshops have taken place and will come to scrutiny again.</p> <p>Some members felt concern that Bristol Energy was pivotal to the exemplars shown and worried about the lack of a Plan B.</p> <p>As Chair, I would reinforce this concern, especially when this is juxtaposed with the exempt presentation made by Bristol Energy only days earlier. This appears to be a high stakes/high risk situation and I would like to signal this clearly. Perhaps OSMB should scrutinise this high degree of interdependence?</p>	<p>Scrutiny of the actual options will come back to the Commission.</p> <p>Members have copies of the slides and can comment.</p>
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REPORT OF THIRD COMMISSION MEETING

<p>Preparatory meetings with scrutiny officer</p>	
<p>Preparatory meetings/conversations with Cabinet members</p>	

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Leads meeting:	
Growth and Regeneration meeting 21st February 2019	
Councillors in attendance:	
Officers attending:	
Main scrutiny items discussed	Outcomes
Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Enquiry Morning Date TBC	